



**Court of Magistrates (Malta)
As a Court of Criminal Judicature**

Magistrate Dr. Doreen Clarke LL.D.

Today, the 7th of July, 2021

**The Police
(Inspector Jonathan Cassar)**

vs

Matthias Christian Friedl

The Court,

Having seen the charges against Matthias Christian Friedl, 29 years of age, son of Christian and Silvia nee' Pfister, born in Feldbach on the 4th February 1992, residing at Room 558, B Hotel, Baystreet, St. Julians's and holder of Austrian Passport number U5433021.

Charged for having on the 06th July 2021, between 02:00hrs and 02:30hrs, in 'Mc Donald's situated in St. George's Road, St. Julian's and/or in other parts of St. Julian's, Malta:-

1. Reviled or threatened or caused bodily harm to persons lawfully charged with a public duty and therefore to PC 1468 Dirk Pace and

- PC 1093 Brendan Debattista, while in the act of discharging their duty, or because of them having discharged such duty, or with intent to intimidate or unduly influence them in the discharge of such duty;
2. Disobeyed the lawful orders of persons entrusted with a public service and therefore of PC 1468 Dirk Pace and PC 1093 Brendan Debattista or hindered or obstructed such persons in the exercise of their duty, or otherwise unduly interfered with the exercise of such duties;
 3. Failed to abide by the order given by the Superintendent of Public Health regulating that any person shall, outside his residence, both when going to an indoor place or outdoors, wear a medical or cloth mask or visor in a proper manner covering the nose, mouth and chin of the person;
 4. Wilfully disturbed the public good order or the public peace;
 5. Committed any other violation of another person's property, to the prejudice of Premier Capital plc and/or other persons;
 6. In any public place or place open to the public, was found drunk and incapable of taking care of himself;

The Court was requested, in case of guilt, to apply Section 553 (1) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, as regards to the expenses incurred by the Court appointed experts.

Having seen that the defendant admitted the charges brought against him and confirmed this admission of guilt even after having been given time to reconsider his plea.

Having seen the acts of the proceedings.

Having considered

The defendant admitted the charges brought against him; these are consequently sufficiently proven.

With regards the penalty to be meted out the Court took into consideration on the one hand the nature of the charges of which the defendant is being

found guilty and on the other hand his eventual cooperation with the police, his admission at the earliest stage of these proceedings and his clean conviction sheet. The Court also took into consideration the fact that the defendant has already paid for damages caused to Premier Capital plc.

Wherefore the Court after having seen sections 95, 338(dd)(ee)(ff) and 340(d) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta and Regulations 2 and 3 of Legal Notice 329 of the year 2020, on his admission finds the defendant guilty of the charges brought against him and for the third charge condemns him to a fine of one hundred Euros (€100), and for all the other charges and by application of section 24 of Chapter 446 of the Laws of Malta discharges him on condition that he does not commit an other offence in the period of one year.

The Court explained to the Court in ordinary language the significance of this judgement and of the consequences should he commit an other offence in the period of one year.

DR. DOREEN CLARKE LL.D
MAGISTRATRE